

## NEW CLAIMS

New claims 21-24 added in the foregoing address further salient features of the invention which additionally distinguish over the art of record. More particularly, independent claims 21 and 23 are based on claims 1 and 3, respectively, but address further details of the internal wiring of the detachable connector unit, affording connections between terminals of the second common connector and corresponding terminals of plural first connectors of the detachable connector unit.

Neither of the references has such a configuration nor would such a configuration be obvious in view thereof.

## CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims patentably distinguish over the references of record, taken singly or in any proper combination, and that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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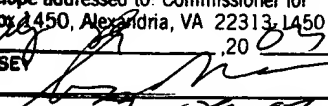
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